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FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE

Spain.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

MADRID, April 9.—The conflict between the Government and the University is becoming serious, and may cause the fall of the ministry. Several more of the professors were exiled to-day. The King's principal physician was offered the head position in the University, but refused to accept it.

CONCHA-JOVELLAR DIFFICULTY.

A conference of Ministers took place today for the purpose of discussing the accusations made by Concha against Jovellar. No course of action was determined upon. It is rumored that Concha has been officially invited to leave Spain.

France.

THE UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

PARIS, April 9.—The French Commission on the United States Centennial Exhibition met to-day, M. de Lafayette presiding. Minister Washburne and Messrs. Forney and Biddle were present. A letter was received from the Minister of Commerce, who says: "The French Government cannot remain indifferent to the grand solemnity at Philadelphia. My predecessor decided it was necessary for France to participate, because he was persuaded the exhibition would result in the development of French relations abroad. The Permanent Commission will soon be called upon to consider the best means of promoting French participation in the Centennial Exhibition." Mr. Forney said he was in communication with the Duke Decazes and the Viscount de Meaux on the subject.

England.

BOYTON'S SWIMMING MACHINE.

LONDON, April 10.—Paul Boyton will attempt to cross the channel to-day in his life-saving dress. He is to start from Dover at three A. M., and expects to reach Bougne between three and four P. M.

COAL LOCKOUT IN SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, April 10.—The coal masters of South Wales have agreed to stop the lockout for a week and throw open the pits to the miners with a reduction of ten per cent. in terms of labor; then, if work is not resumed, a further reduction will be demanded. The North Wales masters also insist on the ten per cent. reduction. They give their men a week to consider the question. If the terms are rejected, fifteen thousand men will be out on a strike.

UTTERANCES OF CARDINAL MANNING.

Cardinal Manning opened the Catholic College at Kensington, yesterday, with an address, in which he said he regarded himself intrusted with a commission of warfare, for he believed the Church was approaching a crisis the most fiery for three hundred years.

THE BELGIAN DIFFICULTY.

The Cologne *Gazette*, commenting on the Belgian difficulty, remarks: "Belgium may have been encouraged in her denial of German demands by a neighboring power, whose able Minister of Foreign Affairs has certainly neglected no opportunity of opposing the interests of Germany. We hope this incident is finished, except in so far as it relates to the Duchesne investigation."

The London *Times*, reviewing the text of the German note to Belgium, says: "Our expectations were justified, that fuller knowledge of the tenor of the German note would remove the more serious construction which have been made of it. Germany remonstrates with Belgium and makes recommendations beyond the bounds of good taste, but puts forth nothing which we are able fairly to call a threat. It is the interest of every free nation to protest against a claim that expressions of sympathy with any cause in a foreign country belong to the order of international wrong which the State is bound to restrain. The circumstance that neither party to the dispute has appealed to the powers guaranteeing Belgium independence, also somewhat diminishes the importance of the affair."

THE BERLIN "POST" ON WAR.

LONDON, April 10.—The Berlin *Post*, reverting to the subject of its leading article yesterday, says: "As long as Count Arnassy remains in office, the good understanding between the three emperors will ontinue, and there need not be fear of mmediate war."

Germany.

DIFFICULTY WITH CHINA SETTLED.

BERLIN, April 9.—The difficulty between Germany and China, relative to the blundering of the bark Prince Bismarck, is been satisfactorily settled.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO ITALY.

LONDON, April 9.—The Berlin *Post* states hat Prince Frederick William, accompanied by Generals Moltke, Blumenthal and Voight-Rhetz, leaves Berlin next Monday or Italy.

Marine News.

LONDON, April 9.—Arrived out—State of Georgia, from New York.

European Markets.

LONDON, April 9, 5 P. M.—Consols for money 93¾, for account 93⅝@93¾. United States bonds 5-20's 1865, 104¼; do 1867, 107⅝; new 5's, 105¾; 40's, 103. New York Central 91; Erie 26½; preferred 38. Tallow 42s. Refined petroleum 10½d. Linseed oil 26½s. Whale oil 36@37s.

PARIS, April 9.—Rentes 63 francs 95 centimes.

FRANKFORT, April 9.—United States bonds—5's, 1865, 99½.

LIVERPOOL, April 9.—Cotton quiet; middling Orleans 9⅝@9⅝d. Sales of 12,000 bales, including 3,000 for speculation and export, and 7,000 American. Flour—extra State 21s 3d. Wheat—No. 1 spring steady at 9s; No. 2 8s 9d; winter 9s 3d. Corn steady at 5s 6d. Pork steady at 88s. Lard dull at 67s. Bacon steady; short clear 53s; long clear 54s. Hams, sugar cured, 70 pounds average, 58s. Shoulders 38s.

UTAH.

Another Polygamy Decision—Extension of the Utah Northern Railroad.

SALT LAKE, April 9.—In the polygamy case now on trial at Beaver, Utah, Judge Boreman charges that polygamy committed prior to 1862 is punishable now; that polygamy is a continuous crime, and that the statute of limitation does not apply. This is directly opposite to the charge of Judge Emerson, of this district.

The Utah Northern Railroad Company have determined to extend their road immediately thirty miles, adopting the route via Soda Springs.

CHICAGO.

Frauds Charged in South Chicago Election.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The town clerk of South Chicago this morning refused to sign the certificates of those candidates who were declared elected in the recent municipal election. He justified his refusal by stating that the illegalities on election day were carried to an extent which rendered them perfectly patent, and that repeating as openly practiced. The ballot boxes in the Fourth and Fifth wards were, he says, stuffed with between 2,000 and 3,000 votes. He asked that the election be set aside for these reasons.

STEUBENVILLE.

Another Strike of Coal Miners.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

STEUBENVILLE, O., April 9, 1875.

The miners at the Cincinnati Coal and Coke Company's mines struck to-day for an advance of ten cents per ton. The strike at the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal Company's mines continues. No trouble is anticipated.

FIRE RECORD.

Explosion, Fire and Death in San Francisco—Four Bodies Recovered—Loss $500,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—At the present writing only four bodies have been recovered from the ruins of last night's fire: Frederick Haak, saloon keeper; Clark, fireman of the contractor for the removal of the Rincon rock, in whose office the explosion occurred; a colored man named Brown, messenger on the wharf; a body supposed to be that of the driver of the gas company's truck. James McIntyre, lately discharged from the navy, died from his injuries last night. Several others of the injured are not expected to live. Congressmen Coogle of the bonded warehouse: J. C. Merrill & Co., Forbes Bros., H. B. Blanchard & Co., Cadalphia, Law & Co., Barrott & Co. The contents of the warehouse was sugar, burlaps and ales. The loss in goods is now estimated at from $500,000 to $600 000. Insured by the companies. Other bodies are supposed to be in the ruins, which are being searched.

TEXAS.

An Excursion to Drum Up Immigrants.

DENNISON, TEX., April 9.—An excursion party in the interest of immigration to Texas, consisting of fifty-two delegates from twenty-seven counties in the State, and in charge of Col. Allison, President, left at taree P. M. to-day, by special train, via route for St. Louis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville and Chicago.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

A company is being organized in West Chester, Pa., having for its object the preperation of condensed milk and the canning and desiccation of fruits.

The Lowell mule spinners voted not to strike for higher wages. The head-center, at Fall River, telegraphed imperative orders for them to strike. They struck. That's all.

John Siney, a leading spirit of the Miners' Union, says that the men in the Schuylkill region will go to work as soon as they are starved into submission—which will be about July—but not before.

The Elyria, O., Agricultural Works have gone into bankruptcy on account of the refusal of the stockholders to pay balance on subscriptions, a charge of fraudulent misrepresentations being the reason assigned.

Five hundred thousand brushes are manufactured here annually, of all kinds and grades from the small artist's brush up to cotton factory brushes, and ranging in price from a penny to forty dollars.—*Reading Times.*

Work has been begun at the Schenectady (N. Y.) Locomotive Works on an order for twelve heavy ten-wheeled engines for the Central Pacific Railroad. One hundred and fifty men are employed at present, but the force is to be increased.

Mr. F. H. Oliphant is putting down an ore shaft on the Nixon farm, about four miles south of this place, and along the line of the Fairchance Railway. There is some talk that this veteran iron manufacturer will erect a new furnace on the Nixon farm this spring.—*Uniontown, Pa., Standard.*

Regarding the Cleveland iron trade it is said that buyers are feeling their way towards placing considerable contracts for the coming summer. The railmakers are making large inquries for pig iron for future delivery, and they evidently anticipate an improvement of trade and a considerably busier season than the last.

The nut factory of the Livingood Bros. at Womelsdorf station, will receive its final outfit of machinery this week, after which it will go immediately into operation. The works will be superintended by Frank Shartle, who has withdrawn from the firm of Jacob Shartle & Son. The new factory is most eligibly located, and cannot fail to prove entirely successful.—*Reading Times.*

On the 24th ult. there was an important meeting of ironmasters from all the English ironmaking districts to consider the notice of the Northern ironmasters to terminate the agreement upon which wages in the finished iron trade throughout England have been for some time regulated. Without reaching a conclusion, another meeting six weeks thereafter was resolved on.

On Friday morning last a special train of forty-four cars left Springfield, O., for the West, all laden with Champion reapers and mowers. The shipment comprised one thousand machines, valued at $175,000, the freight bill being $4,242 84. This is believed to be the largest shipment of machinery ever made by one firm. The whole train load of cars was distributed as follows: Ohio, 5 cars; Indiana, 9; Kentucky, 2; Tennessee, 1; Illinois, 3; Missouri, 13; Iowa, 3; Kansas, 4; Texas, 3; Utah, 1.

The Lebanon, Pa., *Courier* says: The coal and railroad difficulties are injuriously affecting the iron interests of the Lebanon Valley. We used to send most of our iron to Western markets; Western iron is now coming to our markets. Twelve hundred tons, weekly, of Western iron now comes to Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company fixes the freights very favorably for manufacturers, while the Reading Company does not seem to deal so liberally with our manufacturers.

A Harrisburg special to the Philadelphia *Press* says: Suspension in the anthracite mining regions has seriously affected the operations of every anthracite furnace in the Schuylkill region and the Lehanon Valley, as well as those located in other parts of the State east of the Alleghenies. The anthracite furnaces in this vicinity are making arrangements to introduce Cumberland coke from the West to make up for the short supply of anthracite, and it is feared that many furnaces will be compelled to "blow out" for want of coal—a result which would entail immense loss on the trade. If the strike lasts until the 1st of July, as it is predicted it will, four-fifths of the anthracite furnaces of the State will be compelled to "blow out," as their supply of coal over the winter amounts only to sufficient to last them until canal navigation opens. Owing to the immense snows of last winter, comparatively small supplies of coal were taken by the railroads, so that there is not a furnace in the State that will continue in blast after the first of June, if the strike in the coal regions continues. The effect of stopping so many furnaces would be most disastrous, and every effort will be made to avoid it. The introduction of Connellsville coke will be one of the means resorted to—and as this has already been tried with wonderful effect in smelting ore, the end may be the introduction of an article to compete with anthracite coal, which will forever hereafter share a market that was heretofore monopolized by its miners. Experienced manufacturers agree that it has become absolutely necessary to seek for other fuels to carry on their business, as the frequent interruptions in the anthracite coal trade leave them in a condition either to introduce other fuels or suspend business. Those who control the production of Western coke see this, and are accordingly pushing their trade eastward.

STATE NEWS.

Plowing has commenced in Berks county.

They are searching for Charlie Ross in Germany.

The balloon fever has again broken out at Reading.

Harrisburg is going into the manufacture of gas "on its own hook."

The Johnstown *scan. mag.* ended in the ignoring of the bill by the Grand Jury, prosecutor to pay costs.

A young Berks countian has just fled to Canada, after forging names of relatives and raising about $4,000.

A lumberman named Frank Hoy was drowned at Lacytown, Forest county, on the 6th inst., while rafting.

Philadelphia subscribed $77,000 of the $350,000 required for the Centennial Hotel project, at a meeting on Wednesday.

The Beaver *Democrat* records the marriage, in that county, of a couple aged sixteen and fifteen years, respectively.

An International Medical Congress is to be held in Philadelphia in 1876, under the auspices of the Centennial Medical Association.

Loring Richey, son of Josiah Richey, of Pavia, Bedford county, fell from a foot-log into Bobb's creek on the 1st inst., and was drowned.

Rev. Daniel Reed, of the Reformed Presbyterian church in Rome township, Crawford county, died lastweek, of typhoid pneumonia.

The Presbytery of Huntingdon will hold its next stated meeting in the Presbyterian church at Perrysville, Juniata county, on the second Tuesday, 13th of April.

Mr. Ralph Rice, of Parker City, Armstrong county, is 104 years old and still hale and hearty, and able to walk around town. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and still remembers everything remarkably well.

The Huntingdon *Monitor* says: Daniel Montgomery, an old colored citizen of our town, died on Sabbath morning last. He was the father of twenty-four children, and all by one wife. He leaves surviving him a wife and several children.

Two children in Philadelphia were poisoned the other day by eating arsenic which they found in the cellar of the home of one of them and mistook for sugar, spreading in on bread and eating it. They were still living at last accounts.

Mr. Hiram Irish died at his home near Albion, Crawford county, on Wednesday, in his seventy-eighth year. He had been a resident of that vicinity for some fifty years; was the father of fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls, all of whom are yet living.

The Methodist Episcopal congregation at Sandy Lake, Mercer county, have decided to erect a new church this summer, the present edifice being entirely too small for the accommodation of the members alone. The new building will be 40x60 feet, with lecture room and class rooms on the first floor, and the audience room above.

The Conneautville *Courier* says: The potatoes come out of the holes on an average with less loss from freezing than has generally been anticipated. As there was an unusually large quantity holed up last fall for higher prices this spring, little fear of a scarcity is to be apprehended. Our dealers are handling them very carefully, the demand for shipment as yet being limited.

Trade Mark Patented.

The White River Brand is patented as a trade mark. All persons found refilling my bags or barrels with other flour or using the same White River on flour, in any form, are hereby notified that proceedings will be brought against all offenders.

T. C. JENKINS.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

SILVER CURRENCY PREPARING

Secretary Bristow Carrying Out the Provisions of the Finance Bill.

Minister Maynard Off to Constantinople.

Ex-Members Cessna and White Looking Toward the Department of Justice.

New Route Proposed Between the Atlantic and Mississippi.

Table of Comparative Distances by the Present and Contemplated Roads.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9, 1875.

Coinage of Silver.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the Finance bill, passed at the last session, providing that silver shall be substituted for fractional currency as soon as practicable, has now fully commenced the coinage of silver at the Mint at Philadelphia, with a view to the carrying out of the law. The Secretary, however, does not purpose to repeat the abortive attempt of his imbecile predecessor. He fully appreciates the fact that, with the present volume of fractional currency in circulation, the silver would be bought up as fast as issued and melted down by the silversmiths. In order to avoid this embarrassment, the Secretary has commenced the withdrawal of the fractional currency. Last month one hundred thousand dollars' worth of this currency was canceled.

Minister Maynard En Route.

Mr. Maynard, the recently appointed Minister to Turkey, arrived here to-day with his family, *en route* for his post of duty. To-day he called at the Department of State, and will receive his instructions, so as to be able to depart in a few days.

Candidates for Assistant Attorney General.

The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Assistant Attorney General Hill, has already found two applicants in ex-Representatives Cessna, of Pennsylvania, and White, of Alabama. Mr. Cessna has been in the city for some days, and has not been an unfrequent visitor at the President's house. Though Mr. Cessna's visits are not received with indifference, it is not probable that he will get the appointment, as Pennsylvania is already represented in the Department of Justice by Assistant Attorney General John Goforth.

Scrub Race for Office.

Under the impression that the abrogation of the Civil Service rules opens an unobstructed road to office, hundreds of incompetent persons are constantly besieging the departments for places. The Executive Departments, however, have not abandoned all examinations, but have returned to the system in vogue before the introduction of the Civil Service rules.

Female Physicians Graduated.

At the commencement of the New York Free Medical College for Women, last night, there were nine graduates.

General Strike of 'Longshoremen.

The strike of the 'longshoremen becomes general to-day. The stevedores say no one of the strikers will be employed.

The Mitchel Obsequies.

All idea of a parade in this city in honor of the late John Mitchel has been entirely abandoned, and there will simply be a funeral oration by Thomas Clark Luby, and a testimonial for Mitchel's family.

A Rest in the Beecher Trial.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Beach, in consequence of sickness, the Tilton-Beecher case was adjourned till Monday next.

The "Tribune's" Thirty-fifth Anniversary.

The *Tribune* celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary to-morrow, by taking possession of its new building, printing a quadruple sheet with a picture and description of the building and giving the figures of its circulation, showing the average to be over 50,000 daily.

Death of Charles Tappan.

Charles Tappan, the last surviving member of the well known anti-slavery family, died at Washington yesterday, aged ninety.

The Pro Rata Freight Bill Defeated.

The railroad *pro rata* freight bill was defeated in the Assembly to-day.

Sartoris Returns to England.

The President's son-in-law, Sartoris, sails to-morrow for England.

Suicide in Brooklyn.

Col. John M. Powell, of Mississippi, committed suicide in Brooklyn yesterday, with morphine.

Schooner Lost with All on Board.

The schooner Jennie Stout, from Savannah for New York, foundered off Hatteras shoals, with all aboard, eight in number.

Shipwrecked Seamen Rescued.

The bark Maggie M, from Cork, saved the Captain and eleven men from the sinking German ship Madeira, bound from Bremen to New York. One boat, with the first and second mates and nine men, had previously left the ship. One man was drowned.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day—Generally clear and warmer weather, with southeast to southwest winds and slight changes in the barometer.

Jonathan Sherman is appointed Storekeeper for the Twelfth district of Ohio.

Michael Sullivan was hanged at New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday, for the murder of Samuel Talmage at Metuchen.

The number of emigrants westwardbound at the present season is unprecedented. Ninety-three hundred have left Omaha since the first of March.

The weavers at the Mechanics' mill, Fall River, taking offense at the discharge of their overseers, struck yesterday morning. The carders at the Merchants' mill are also out.

Five of the alleged Gibson county (Tenn.) Ku-Kluxs have been discharged, witnesses failing to identify them. The cases of the others will be given to the jury this morning, the arguments of counsel having been concluded.

POLITICAL.

State.

J. P. Gephart, of Centre county, is spoken of as a probable candidate for State Senator on the Democratic side.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Committee of Greene, Hon. A. A. Purman, Joseph F. Randolph, Esq., and Thomas F. Iams, Esq., were appointed to meet an equal number of conferees from Fayette, to decide upon some plan of nominating a candidate for State Senator to succeed Hon. W. H. Playford.

Hon. John M. Thompson, of this place, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the next State Treasurer nomination, is not a candidate and does not desire that position. We make the above statement on the authority of his own words and that there may be no misunderstanding on the subject.—*Butler Citizen.*

The Monongahela *Republican* says that John E. McDonald, Harvey J. Vankirk, Demas Letherman, and the Hon. George V. Lawrence, will be candidates for the State Senate, for this district, at the Republican primary meeting in Washington county. The *Republican* expresses a willingness to support either of the gentlemen named, heartily, in case he secures the nomination in the District Conference—*Beaver Argus and Radical.*

The Scranton *Times* thinks Judge Handley would make a strong Democratic-workingmen's candidate for Governor. But what's the use of naming candidates for Governor on the Democratic ticket; Mr. Wallace has decreed that ex-Senator Dill shall be the nominee, and that settles it. Senator Wallace is the autocrat of his party in this State and there is no appeal from his edicts this year.—*Scranton Republican.*

Mr. Worth, in his paper, the Lebanon *Courier*, says: Horace Greeley used to say that it was an assumption to decline an office before it was offered to you. We agree with him; and if every one who is suggested for a public position felt it incumbent on him to say he could not accept, we should have a flood of declinations. The editor of the *Courier*, however, has been so kindly noticed by a number of his editorial brethern in connection with the Republican nomination for State Treasurer, and having also received a number of private letters on the subject, that he feels it may not be improper to say that he is not in a situation at the present time to accept any official position, even if the influence of partial friends should be able to offer it to him. While saying this, we wish most earnestly to express our appreciation of the generous things that have been said of us.

General.

The New York *World* says that "the Democrats of Rhode Island have not in twenty years entered into a canvass under more favorable prospects." We shall see what we shall see.

As the Utica *Herald* observes: "In a general way the Democratic journals of the State are brave in denouncing canal frauds and demanding the exposure of the guilty parties. But when it comes to specific exposition they are as dumb as oysters."

The Pacific coast papers are after Sam Randall now because he voted for Billy McGarrahan's claims. Is it possible that the Democrats are unable to get a candidate for Speaker of the next House against whom some suspicion cannot by alleged?—*Washington Chronicle.*

In 1868 Connecticut elected a Democratic Governor by 1,764 majority, and we heard a great deal of the significance of the result, how it decided the Presidential contest, and that sort of thing. Yet that same fall Grant carried the State by 3,041 majority. Democratic newspapers should not be too sanguine in placing the Connecticut electoral vote at the head of the Democratic column for next year. Connecticut is very uncertain.—*Philadelphia Press.*

And now it is proposed to erect a monument to Oakes Ames, as a Christian statesman, etc. And his executors have discovered by his accounts that the money he claimed to have paid to Mr. Colfax and others was in fact used for his own purposes at the time he was hard pressed by his financial embarrassments. But he swore it on Colfax and the rest, and they were sacrificed. He ought to have a monument, as the meanest man America ever produced.

OHIO NEWS.

Toledo is to have a new opera house.

Ohio has about 800 miles of canal and slack water navigation.

Fifty per cent. of the peach buds are pronounced unharmed in Morgan county.

A Mormon missionary has been authorized to solemnize marriages in Monroe county.

An entire family in Harrison has been made insane by a stroke of lightning which hit their house.

An Ashtabula farmer winters his stock on beets, and says they are the cheapest food for cattle that he can raise.

A child was born in Granville, Licking county, on March 12th, with two well developed feet on each leg.

A colored congregation in Dayton have decided to forgive their clergyman for betting on three card monte and losing $90 of festival money. One of the deacons remarked: "We is all human, and de game is werry exciting."

Rev. Jesse Smith died at his residence on Pleasant run, Fairfield county, February 24th, in his eightieth year. He had been a member of the Old School Baptist Church for fifty-six years, and a minister forty-six years.

W. D. Bickham, editor of the Dayton *Journal*, has bought for $19,000 the property of Jonathan Harshman, on South Main street of that city, and intends to at once begin building thereon a large printing establishment, to be known as the *Journal* building.

A Weston man deserted his wife and went to Toledo to find pleasure in the embrace of another woman. The deserted wife followed him and upon his being locked up at the station, paid for his release. Such is woman's devotion.

The brick grain-house at Woodville, Clermont county, belonging to W. H. Bruns, fell out a few afternoons ago, and burned under the ruins a team of horses and two boys named Hangermeyer. One of the boys was instantly killed and the other seriously injured.

The Printing Committee.

The Printing Committee of City Councils held a special meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of awarding the contract for furnishing books for the City Treasurer's office.

The bids for furnishing two index books, sixty-two tax receipt books and ten thousand blank receipts were as follows:

R. Singerly	$153 20
Stevenson & Foster	331 25
Dickson & McKalip	199 50
Smith White *Herald*	268 50

The contract was awarded to R. Singerly.

A bill of the Pittsburgh *Gazette* for $2,194 80 was supported, as were also several other bills. Adjourned.

An Early Bird Captured.

About two o'clock this morning Officer Conts arrested a small boy, giving his name as Joe McGowan, whom he caught in the act of breaking into a fruit stand at the corner of Smithfield street and Seventh avenue. The young thief was placed in a cell at the Central Station. He is only about eleven years of age.

White River

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INVESTMENT.

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RELIGIOUS.

☞ THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Ninth street, hold their Quarterly Meeting TO-MORROW EVENING, at 7½ P. M. An Address will be delivered by Rev. Richard H. Dunne, D.D., Secretary for Foreign Missions. No collection taken up.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FLOUR Mill—One of the best in Ohio, situated on Mad river, with 30 feet fall. Three run of 4 feet French Burrs; first-class Merchant and Custom and Jobbing Trade; 11 Acres Bottom Land; two Dwelling Houses and Barns. Price $10,000. Write for description. CHARLES FOLSOM, Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio.

FOR SALE—TWO BUILDING LOTS in Thirty-second ward; also, four Lots on Liberty avenue; three Lots on Mary street; two Lots on Center street, with Frame Dwelling of 4 Rooms, Cellar and Attic, all situate in the Sixteenth ward, Pittsburgh. Will be sold low and on easy terms. Apply to G. W. RANKIN, Real Estate Agent, 104 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR SALE—NO. 245 ALLEGHENY avenue, Allegheny city. The House is new; the Lot 24x118 feet; has a paved alley; the neighborhood first-class. The House has 10 Apartments, and is nicely and conveniently planned. In short, it is all that could be desired for a neat and comfortable House. Will be sold very low, as the owner is about moving to Philadelphia. Apply to THOS. F. STEWART, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, or on the premises.

FOR SALE—THE PROPERTY AT Fleming Station, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, known as the "Cheid Works." The Works are in complete running order, and ready to commence production in a few days. Besides the buildings necessary for manufacturing purposes, there is a good dwelling of 9 Rooms for Manager, and 23 Acres of Ground. Will be sold as a Whole or divided, and to the right man this is a rare chance to make money. For further information apply to THOS. F. STEWART, Corner Fifth avenue and Wood street.

FOR SALE ON REASONABLE TERMS 107 Acres of Land adjoining Beaver Falls Borough, Beaver county, Pa., 10 minutes' walk from Railroad station. Three veins of good Coal; bank opened; 70 Acres Improved; 37 Acres in Timber; good Two Story Brick House, Bank Barn, Stable, Sheds, Outhouses; good Orchard of young choice bearing trees; good Frame House at the coal bank. Will sell at a very low price. Near to good market and good neighborhood. Address ED WITTISH, Beaver Falls and 91 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Also a few of those fine 5 an' 10 acre lots are yet unsold. Will also be sold cheap, or exchanged for city property. Apply to THOS. F. STEWART, Fifth avenue and Wood street.

DIVIDENDS.

☞ FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, PA.—QUARTERLY DIVIDEND—The Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Quarterly Dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT. on the Capital Stock out of the profits of the past three months, payable forthwith, free of tax. J. D. SCULLY, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, April 3, 1875.

ELECTION NOTICES.

☞ ANCHOR SAVINGS BANK, 125 FIFTH AVENUE—ELECTION—An Election for Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, No. 125 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY, April 13th, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M. JAS. H. SCOTT, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 30, 1875.

☞ ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION—

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, will be held at the General Office of the Company, in the city of Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M., to hear the report of the Board, elect a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, and act upon such other business as may be brought before them.

By order of the Board of

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1875.

ILLINOIS has, at present, two State Institutes for the feeble-minded. One of them is the Democratic Legislature.

GOVERNOR TILDEN is just now at a loss which to admire most—the greatness of his character, or the character of his greatness.

ST. LOUIS, at the late city election, polled 30,000 votes, and Cincinnati polled 26,000: yet Cincinnati does not pretend to claim a population of 490,000, as St. Louis does.

SOMEBODY has discovered that the fire insurance business is a favorite refuge for famous Confederates. There is nothing like having an eye to future contingencies.

THE Republican gain on the popular vote in Cleveland is 1,500. The Democratic majority last year was 3,500; now it is 2,000. Another united effort will extinguish what is left of that majority.

AT THE late municipal election in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of the ward justices elected was named LIVER. His constituents doubtless had plenty of pluck, and voted according to their lights.

THE Sacramento, California, Board of Education have just decided to admit Chinese children into the public schools, but it is not likely the parents of the latter will demand that the doctrines of CONFUCIUS shall be taught.

THE Ohio Democrats, led by fog-horn BILL ALLEN, have been celebrating their so-called victories by an old fashioned fireworks jollification. That is all right. Next fall they will come down as did their rockets—like a stick.

THE Legislature of New Jersey was to adjourn, finally, on yesterday, and the people of that State are now able to breathe more freely. The House was Democratic, and was just as bad as the similar bodies in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

SENATOR GORDON, of Georgia, refuses to permit his name to be used as a Democratic candidate for the Vice Presidency. He says "it is *too early* to put an ex-rebel soldier on the national ticket." Northern Bourbons are to be used to pull Southern chestnuts out of the fire for a brief space longer—and then?

IN A theologico-philosophic mood the Chicago *Times* observes that the people of all nations have made to themselves gods in their own likeness, and few nations have been so poor as to have but one god." Just so: but suppose the Democrats of this country should succeed in getting their Deity into the Constitution, what would be likely to become of the Union and of the negro?

AMONG the bills which passed the Democratic House in New Jersey and failed in the Senate was a bill to establish a Catholic Protectory; and an appropriation of $50,000 to the Catholic Protectory of New York failed in the New York Legislature. The Church, it will be seen, puts itself forward at every opportunity, and presents a demand wherever it is likely to secure a compliance with it.

THE competition of the Baltimore and Ohio road, and the Pennsylvania road through its Bedford and Bridgport branch, with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has driven the coal off the latter almost entirely. The Canal Commissioners refuse to reduce the tolls, and the railroads consequently carry cheapest. The Bedford and Bridgeport road is now carrying from 1,600 to 2,000 tons daily.

THE Philadelphia *North American* of Thursday prints a tabulated statement of the March exports of domestic products from that port, the total valuation reaching $2,289,389, being an increase of $133,637 as compared with the corresponding month last year. Of this aggregate $1,144,574 was shipped in American vessels, and $1,278,443 in foreign craft, an increase of $33,127 in the former case and $100,500 in the latter.

THE *Courier-Journal* makes a very neat apology to JEFF. DAVIS for having lately used the term, "what extinct conspiracy," with regard to him, without putting the phrase within quotation marks, as, it appears, was the intention. Such carefulness not to wound the feelings of a friend, especially when accompanied with such a nice regard for the truth of history, is admirable. For JEFF. is not an "extinct conspirator," by any means.

THE famous Roman Catholic pervert and publicist, ORESTES BROWNSON, states the theory of that Church in relation to civil government, with great frankness and logical exactitude. In a public lecture delivered at Boston a few days ago, he held that the universal Divine Sovereignty is represented in human affairs by the Pope, and that the civil law, when it conflicts with the ecclesiastical law, is to be wholly ignored. There is food in this for reflection.

A BOSTON paper, we notice, puts the product of bituminous coal in this country at four millions of tons, and seems inclined to regard these as outside figures. Why, man, Ohio alone produced 3,820,000 tons last year, while Maryland produced over three millions and Pennsylvania over eleven millions. Taking the yield of the Southwestern and Southern mining with the yield of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio, and the total will easily reach twenty millions of tons, an aggregate equal to that of anthracite coal.

A WEALTHY and influential Englishman, Sir D. L. SOLOMONS, has written to the British Foreign Office complaining that he has been obliged to pay "collateral inheritance tax" upon some State bonds of this Commonwealth left him by his uncle. That office, however, declines to interfere, holding substantially that if British subjects invest in foreign securities they must take them subject to whatever charges foreign governments have imposed, and with the distinct knowledge that they have no right to complain should such charges be altered or increased.

THE extortionate charges made in New York for storage, elevation and wharfage, which for years have proved so serious an obstacle in the way of trading through that port, are to be made the subject of investigation, in connection with the inquiry into the canal frauds. The impetus given almost simultaneously to the business of Boston, Montreal, Philadelphia and Baltimore has been measurably due to efforts to escape these exactions. Self interest should long ago have been a motive of sufficient power to lead the New York merchants to remedy these abuses.

THE latest reports from Germany state that among the lower Catholic clergy of that country, there is a steadily growing opposition to the fierce Vaticanism of the infallibilists, and that this liberalizing movement is creating not a little alarm among the ultramontane leaders. So, too, it appears that the Polish Catholics, whose secession *en masse* to the Greek Church we recently mentioned, have sent a memorandum to the Russian Government accounting for their intentions by the moral impossibility of accepting the dogma of Infallibility. These various signs of incipient insubordination are interestingly suggestive.

ABOUT the meanest and most miserable piece of sophistry we know of, is the argument now being urged in certain quarters that the title of the Indians to the Black Hills is void, because the original selection of that region for a reservation was "illegal." Is it not a little singular that this informality was not found out until after the discovery of gold in that region had taken place? The conclusions adduced in support of any iniquity never precede, but always follow, the design of the iniquity itself. Nothing was ever heard in this country of the divine sanctions and safeguards with which slavery was said to be hedged about, until slave labor had begun to prove profitable. This tendency to wrest authority to the bolstering up of our own wrongdoing is one of the worst flaws in our human nature.

OLD BEN WADE declines running as a candidate for Governor at the ensuing election in Ohio. He gives several reasons for this course, the principal one of which is sufficient in itself, to wit: that for two years past his voice has been so used up that he has not been able to make a speech, and it is worse now than ever. The old gentleman is now in his seventy-fifth year.

The prospect of having so noted a champion as WADE for a Republican candidate was sufficient, while it was indulged in, to drive off all competitors; but now that he is out of the way it behooves the Republicans of Ohio to make choice of some one whose name will be strong enough to lead them to victory. Ex-Governor NOYES, ex-Governor HAYES, and ex-Governor DENNISON have all been named, HAYES being the strongest of the lot. SHERLOCK J. ANDREWS, of Cleveland, and Professor MONROE, of Oberlin, are also named.

THE entry of the Catholic Church of Ohio into the political arena is exciting the comments of the newspapers, The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says:

"It appears, then, that the Roman Catholic Church has captured the Democratic party in Ohio, just as it has captured the Democracy of New York, as we have previously shown. Only it seems that in Ohio the domination of the Church over the party is not so cunningly disguised as it has been here.

"How far will the people allow this humiliating conquest to extend? How long will it be before the intelligent Protestant and independent sentiment of the country will be aroused to the danger that threatens our free institutions in the alliance of Ultramontanism with the Bourbon Democracy?"

Even the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, the Democratic organ, scolds the *Catholic Telegraph* for its out-spoken frankness in classing the Church and the Democratic party as one, and the Cincinnati *Commercial* declares that if Archbishop PURCELL'S organ "must have it that the Democratic party is a part of the machinery of the Church, the people have only to be convinced that the *Telegraph* is speaking by authority to make an end of the party."

We can see no reason why they should not be convinced of the fact. There has been no attempt made either to conceal it or deny it. The *Commercial* adds:

"We shall doubtless hear a good deal about 'anti-Catholic hate' and 'Know-Nothingism,' and all that. We understand that sort of lure and cry. The objections we raise are not to the Church as a denomination, but to the assumption that the Catholic vote is wielded in behalf of a political party on the avowed ground that the party is to legislate for the Church. The objections would apply with equal force to a like alliance between any sect and party. Our political parties and legislation must be kept clear of these entangling alliances, and if there is any change it should be toward a more complete secularization of Church and State in all civil and political affairs. If any political party consents to occupy the position in which the Democratic party in Ohio is put by Mr. Geghan and the *Catholic Telegraph*, without remonstrance or protest, it is the first duty the people owe to themselves, and of the very highest importance as affecting their political liberties, to put it down and keep it under till it shall have a better understanding of the theory of secularized representative government."

The Baltimore *American*, referring to this political-religious alliance, says:

"The outcome of the alliance which is said to have been made in Ohio will be watched with great interest. If an ecclesiastical element is to enter decisively and as an organized power into American politics it is well that the fact should be known and understood. There is no necessity of any fear as to the result, for there are thousands of American Catholics who will revolt from any denomination when it orders them to violate their obligations as citizens of the Republic. No man who appreciates the fundamental principles of our institutions and how thoroughly national growth and prosperity are dependent upon them, will be willing to see one of them stricken down."

THE Commissioner of Patents, in making his decision in the contested case of the patent for duplex telegraphing, rules that, in determining to whom a patent shall issue, where assignments have been made, the Commissioner must be governed by the record. He cannot regard mere equitable claims, but is bound to issue the patent to the person or persons having the legal title, the requirements of the statute having been complied with. An instrument purporting to convey inventions not yet in *esse* is not an assignment, but only an executory contract. An applicant is estopped from contradicting his deed of assignment, but an estoppel by deed arises alone upon a recital of a particular fact. He further holds that where, in enforcing specific performance of a contract to assign an interest in a future invention, equity may, after the invention has been perfected and patented, carve out an undivided interest in the patent, a valid assignment to a third party will afterward take effect upon the interest remaining in the patentee. This decision, which has just been published, establishes a precedent as to the question of title before the Patent-office, and hence is of more than ordinary public interest and importance.

THE disturbances in the mining region of this State are bad enough, in all conscience; but they are not half as bad as represented in the dispatches sent by frightened operators over the wires. They are mainly confined to the region about Hazleton and to one or two spots in the Lehigh Valley. In the Wyoming Valley the miners are all at work, and in Schuylkill county, the center of the present strike, there appears to be but little violence. The military have been called out at Hazleton, not because of any actual outbreak, but through fear of one. The Sheriff of Luzerne county appears to be a white-livered craven, who is afraid to move his hand unless backed up by the military; and the latter have been put in the field solely because he is too big a coward to use the powers he legally possesses. If Luzerne county could manage to get men to fill its civil offices, instead of such milksops as this Sheriff KIRKENDALL, there would be as little use for the military, in that county, as there is in the quieter portions of this State.

WESTERN papers are jubilant over the advance which has taken place in the price of wheat within the last fortnight. The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* estimates that this advance has added from $4,000,000 to $5,000,000 to the value of that staple now on hand in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and thinks it is not impossible that an additional $5,000,000 may be added in the next few weeks. There would have been a good trade anyhow, that paper says, even if prices of pork, corn, wheat, and oats had remained at the prices of a month ago. But the prospect now is that what is left of these products will sell for a gross price of $10,000,000 to $12,000,000 more than they would have realized at the rates of a month ago.

PERSONAL.

General Adam Badeau, United States Consul General at London, has reached this country on a visit.

A Chinese young lady was recently an applicant for a vacancy among the teachers of a San Francisco school.

The many friends of Mr. McCullough, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from the injuries received in the late accident.

Marcus J. Wright, formerly a Confederate general, has received from the Khedive of Egypt the appointment of Adjutant General in the Egyptian army, with the rank and pay of colonel.

After leaving the witness stand the other day, Mr. Beecher was jocosely asked by a friend how he liked it. "Oh, well," he replied, laughing, "eels don't minds being skinned after they get used to it."

Pete McCartney, the notorious counterfeiter, has again escaped from his captors. He appears to be as slippery as an eel; for no manacles, however secure, seem able to hold him, and no jail, however strong, can contain him long. He has been arrested twice within four months. McCartney stands indicted in four different judicial districts for counterfeiting, in any one of which his conviction would be certain if he could be brought to trial.

A little daughter of Albert Williams, of Hartford, Connecticut, was fatally burned on Saturday afternoon. While enduring intense suffering, says the *Post*, she spoke frequently to those at her bedside; and the following words show the current of her thoughts in her last moments: "Is my dolly burned?" "I want somebody to kiss me." "Somebody *do* kiss me." "I want my papa." "I wish I was dead and in heaven like Nellie Gridley." "I was always good and kind, wasn't I, papa?" Could there be anything more touching?

A curious case at Penfield, N. Y., is that of an insane woman of property named Shepherd, whose father is her committee appointed by the court, and who, notwithstanding her lunacy, has been persistently courted by a neighboring farmer named Scribner. A judicial order was finally obtained directing him to discontinue his attentions. In spite thereof, however, he took her out to ride, and carried her home to his mother's house, refusing to surrender her to her father, and resisting with firearms an attempt to rescue her. Scribner was subsequently arrested, and committed for trial for contempt of court.

The ruling passion strong in sleep. A young lady of Lawrence, Mass., rose from her bed the other night in a fit of somnambulism, and walked to Lowell, the residence of her betrothed, a distance of ten miles, clad only in her night dress and water-proof.

Prior to the regular annual harvest of victims to reapers, mowers and thrashing machines, that of shotguns and revolvers has set in. There seems to be a mania throughout the country to shoot and get shot.

A STRANGE REUNION.

How a Prodigal Son Returned to His Father's House—The Dramatic Result of a Struggle With a Burglar—The Latter Proves to be the Son of His Captor.

[From the Detroit Post, 8th.]

At a late hour one night last week, a gentleman, well known in the business and social circles of this city, and who occupies a handsome residence on one of the fashionable thoroughfares, was awakened from a sound slumber by an unusual noise in his sleeping apartment, and, after listening intently for a moment, became conscious of the fact that some person was stealthily moving about in the room. The gas was turned off and the inside blinds of the window were closed, so that all was total darkness, but the next instat the intruder stumbled over a chair near the bed, the movement revealing his precise location. Most men, rudely awakened by the unceremonious entrance of a burglar, would have uttered an exclamation of afarm or a cry for assistance, but the master of the house was a man of unusual self-possession and determination; without uttering a word he sprang from his couch and grappled with his unknown antagonist. The struggle which ensued in the dark was brief but decisive. The burglar fought on the defensive, rather than the offensive, and made the most desperate attempts to loosen the hand which grasped his throat like an iron vice, but his antagonists, although on the shady side of fifty, was a man of great muscular power, and the fellow's efforts to escape were fruitless. Kneeling upon the prostrate form of the panting burglar, the victor in the struggle called to his wife to light the gas, a command which the lady, who was awakened by the scuffle, and who was nearly beside herself with fear, was not slow to execute.

The instant that the gas jet flooded the room with light, the gentleman released his hold upon the throat of his adversary, a pale, haggard, ill-clad young man, and the latter staggered to his feet. For a moment the two men confronted each other, and then with a wild cry, in which horror, shame and remorse were all expressed, the younger sank at the feet of the elder.

"Father!"

"Charlie."

The recognition was mutual; the exclamations rang out simultaneously. It was indeed the reunion of a sorrowing father and a prodigal son. Eight years ago the former was a resident of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and the latter, his only child, was a bright youth of twenty, who unfortunately fell in with fast associates and became proficient in all manner of youthful dissipation. Finding parental restraint irksome the boy ran away from home and shipped upon a vessel bound for Liverpool. After several months spent in London, where he lived by his wits, he shipped as a cook on a vessel bound for Africa, but was prostrated by a severe fever and was sent back to England. Upon his recovery he went to South America, where he secured a position in the employ of an extensive stock raiser, remained there for four years, and at the end of that time having saved several hundred dollars in gold. Soon the old roving disposition came over him, and he drifted off to Cuba and Mexico, and finally arrived in New Orleans last fall, where he associated with fast characters and soon lost what money he had through the agencies of the wine bottle and the gaming table. During the winter he worked his way North, and about two weeks ago arrived in this city from Cincinnati, with only $8 in his pocket.

During all the long years of his absence the prodigal had never written home and had never heard from his parents. He was ignorant of the fact that they had removed to Detroit, and he determined to earn money enough, if possible, to take him back to Wilkesbarre, where he intended to endeavor to live a respectable life. Owing to the hard times he could obtain no work, and was finally forced to seek lodgings at the Woodbridge street station. After sleeping there several nights he was warned that upon his next visit he would be sent to the House of Correction as a vagrant. That night he wandered about the city hungry, penniless and desperate, and it was while in this forlorn, desperate condition that he yielded to the sudden temptation to commit crime in order to relieve his necessities. By some strange and yet fortunate fatality he entered the house of his own father, and what followed has already been described.

Such was the story which the unhappy young man related to his grief-stricken parents in the room which he had entered for the purpose of committing a robbery. He protested that no matter what excesses and sins he might have committed, he had never before descended to the perpetration of a dishonest act, and his remorse and repentance were so unmistakably sincere that he readily received the forgiveness for which he pleaded. Fortunately the circumstances of his unexpected return were unknown to other parties, the two female domestics being absent at a ball, from which they were not to return until 2 o'clock, and to divert suspicion the young man was provided with money and instructed to go to a hotel for the balance of the night. The next morning he purchased suitable apparel and returned to the house, where a little justifiable deception was used, and he was welcomed as if he had not been a previous visitor. The young man is apparently sincere in his determination to reform, and is occupying a desk in his father's establishment, where he already demonstrates the possession of admirable business qualifications, and bids fair to become a useful member of society.

This story may savor somewhat of the improbable, but it was related to the writer by a gentlenan of unimpeachable veracity, who enjoys intimate and confidential relations with the parties, and who vouches for the entire truthfulness, while at the same time he withholds the names and other facts which might afford a clue to the identity of the *dramatis personæ* in the little drama which so narrowly escaped being a tragedy.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The yellow violet's modest bell
Peeps from the last year's leaves below.

Minnesota has authorized the formation of town insurance companies.

Recent bountiful rains have brightened the expectations of California farmers.

Nearly every steamer leaving England is loaded with specie for the United States.

California thinks she shall want about the same amount of tonnage this season as last.

The proposed compulsory education law was defeated in the Illinois Legislature.

Miscegenation. A thoughtless California cat has disgraced herself by giving birth to a puppy.

Chicago is presently to have a new union depot, a grand structure, to cost several million dollars.

Germany says the only way horses can go out of that country into France is with Uhlans on them.

Ex-Secretary Richardson is going to circumnavigate the world. He should give his observations currency.

The King of Ashantee has taken a choice lot of ladies and gone into retirement, leaving his son to reign in his royal shanty instead.

The New York Democrats are disgusted that everybody does not see that Tilden was elected President in Connecticut last Monday.

The Iowa Democrats have become disgusted with the Reformers of that State, and are calling for the resurrection of the old party.

The transatlantic steamship companies complain greatly of the exceeding dullness in the freight business between New York and Liverpool.

This has been a hard winter for seals. Three vessels arrived at Halifax, on Wednesday, with 97,000 of these fine-furred animals on board.

The foot and mouth disease has broken out again with great violence among the English cattle, and the farmers are in a state of sore anxiety.

The question of water supply for the Centennial is now engaging the attention of the Commission, four million gallons daily being required.

Heavy failures in England continue to be reported, showing that the depression under which we have suffered has been felt seriously elsewhere.

General Lew. Wallace, of Indiana, while out hunting recently, killed a wild goose by reading a page of his novel, the "Fair God" at it, while flying over.

The winter mask of nature wears away. The grass is springing up in the parks and door-yards, the crocuses are out, and presently the peach trees will be in blossom.

The wheat crop of Oregon has not been a failure ever since first settled by the whites, thirty years ago. What country on the globe can show a better record than that?

The Pacific Mail Company is going to put its steamers into the fleet of the State Line, and run alternate vessels twice a week from Philadelphia and New York to Liverpool.

The pistols worn by Major Pitcairn at Lexington, and from one of which the first shot of the Revolution was fired, will be sent to that town to be exhibited at the coming centennial celebration.

These are the nights for star-gazing with your sweetheart, even if you are kept busy brushing the dew from her lips with your moustache, to keep it from getting into her throat and giving her the diphtheria.

Tennessee has imposed a tax of one dollar on each gentleman dog and five dollars on each lady dog. It is pleasant to know that Tennessee had gallantry enough to acknowledge the superior value of females.

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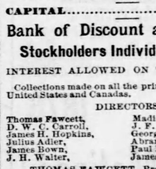

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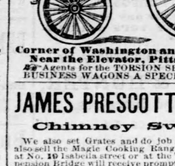

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 9, 1875.

We hear in many quarters the cry that no satisfactory investments are offering. Brokers complain that a good run of paper is no longer in their hands for sailing; banks allege that they have more deposits than they can satisfactorily invest and that their good customers are no longer, as in times gone by, clamoring for discounts; investors, too, have their growl (they are almost as constitutional grumblers, by the way, as the farmers themselves) and announce that they, too, are at a loss what to do with their superfluous capital. Depreciated stocks they do not appear to desire, even though there may be more than a reasonable chance of their rapid recovery. Stocks which are holding their own they pronounce as dull and lifeless, and therefore unworthy consideration, while the active, high priced stocks they claim as being at a price far beyond their real value, and therefore not offering any inducement for them to invest. Suggest speculation, and you are regarded with a look of dismay. Take any tack you will and the result is the same; the entire community appear to be following the example of the late lamented Mr. Micawber, and waiting for something to turn up, in a financial way, at least. We can suggest no remedy for this state of affairs, except the one which is so largely made use of in some of our schools of medicine, namely, faith, coupled to which we imagine must be some considerable degree of patience. The resumption of manufacturing will do much to put an end to this condition of the money market, in that the starting of the wheels of any enterprise necessarily puts in motion a greater or lesser number of the cogs of some adjoining one, and when once the necessity for money is fully aroused, then the purse strings of the money lenders must be loosened, will he, will he, either through fear, favor or affection. When money is really needed by a business man, it is surprising to see the adroit manner in which he frequently contrives to obtain it.

Like the Eastern traveler, he sinks a well in the desert, and behold he has a bubbling fountain; ephemeral it may be, but it suffices for its present wants.

We do not note much change—none, indeed—worthy of remark in the money market. Business has an appearance of activity and the clearings are fully up to the average at this season, but it is mostly in the hands of retailers. This must extend itself to the heavier concerns ere long, and so we are content with the rest of the dear public to live in hopes.

We observe the presence of quite a number of representatives of interior manufacturing establishments in the city, but whatever their wants, they must have found the climate congenial, for their countenances wear the placid appearance which corresponds to satisfied requests.

OFFICE OF TRASK & STONE,
BANKERS AND BROKERS, No. 7 NEW STREET,
NEW YORK, April 8, 1875.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

Our market to-day is entirely devoid of interest, and, in fact, for the most part, dull and uninteresting, yet prices have remained very firm, and in some cases have been strong and advancing.

Pacific Mail has survived the rumors of the past few days, and is "short" enough to give it with some apprehension. Our remarks of yesterday concerning the probable arrangement of difficulties with the Panama Railroad are borne out to-day by reports that there is every reason to believe that a contract will be agreed upon which will benefit all parties concerned.

Western Union has been strong, as also its counterpart, Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph. It is suspected that in this case also a mutual understanding has been arrived at, and that the two companies will eventually consolidate. The talked of basis is two shares of Atlantic and Pacific for one of Western Union. We are not aware that this has as yet been agreed upon, but the general impression prevails that these stocks would indicate that this happy termination of difficulties is in the remote future.

Union Pacific has been strong without material fluctuations. Large amounts of loans on stock were called in, and the refusal to lend upon it as collateral caused a large amount of it to be thrown upon the market. Daily report changes the holding of this stock from New York to Boston and vice versa. Our belief is that the bulk of it is held in Boston and that holders there are impressed with the idea that it will soon be one of the recognized dividend paying stocks. We have no opinion to offer on this head, but we expect to see it sell at higher prices.

The remainder of the list is very firm and we quote the general market strong and advancing.

Yours truly, TRASK & STONE.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. Furnished by the Fifth National bank, No. 16, Sixth street:

April 9, 1875.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
Gold	113¾	113¾	113⅝	113⅝	113⅝	113⅝
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup.	122¼	122¼	122¼	122¼	122¼	122¼
5-20's, 1865	119⅛	119⅛	119⅛	119⅛	119⅛	119⅛
5-20's, 1865, coupon	119½	119½	119½	119½	119½	119½
5-20's, 1867	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛	120⅛
5-20's, 1867, coupon	120⅝	120⅝	120⅝	120⅝	120⅝	120⅝
5-20's, 1868	121	121	121	121	121	121
5-20's, 1868, registered	121	121	121	121	121	121
10-40's, registered	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝
10-40's, coupon	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝
Currency 6's	120	120	120	120	120	120
New 5's (ex certs.)	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝	114⅝
Pacific Mail	44¼	44¼	44¼	44¼	44¼	44¼
Western Union	78	78	78	78	78	78
Adams Express	103½					
Wells, Fargo & Co.	93					
American Express	61					
United States	64					
New York Central	102	102	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛
Erie	26	26	26	26	26	26
Michigan Central	90	90	90	90	90	90
Michigan Southern	74¼	74¼	74¼	74¼	74¼	74¼
Illinois Central	94½	94½	94½	94½	94½	94½
Cleve. & Pittsburgh			92½	92½	92½	92½
Chicago & Rock Island	95½	95½	95½	95½	95½	95½
Do preferred	97	97	97	97	97	97
Rock Island	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½
St. Paul, common	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾	39¾
St. Paul, preferred	78	78	78	78	78	78
Wabash, common	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Fort Wayne	96	96	96	96	96	96
Ohio & Mississippi	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾
Terre Haute	7	7	7	7	7	7
Harlem	124					
Hannibal & St. Joe.	27¾					27¾
Iron Mountain	26	26	26	26	26	26
C., C. & I. C.	6	6	6	6	6	6
Panama, old	99		99		99	
Tennessee, new	69		69		70	
South Carolina, Act	31		31		31	
South Carolinas, July	31½		31½		31½	
Missouri 6's	90¾		90¾		90¾	

—The following is a report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day.

	Bid.	Asked
Pennsylvania Central, sales	50¾	
Reading, sales	56¾	
United Co's. of N. Jersey	130	
Oil Creek	9¾	10
Lehigh Valley		63
Allegheny Valley	34	35
Central Trans. Co.	43¾	43½
Empire Trans.	54	77
P., and St. Louis m. b.		77

GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, April 9, 1875.

There was an average movement of merchandise to-day with prices generally unchanged. In grain, corn oats and wheat were firm at quotations. Flour was firm and 15@25c higher. Hay was weak and depressed. In produce, eggs and butter showed a declining tendency, and brought lower prices. Groceries, provisions and general merchandise were steady.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce since our last are as follows:

Flour, bbls	1,277	Apples, bbls	27
Corn, bush	1,200	Wheat, bush	150
Oats, bush	3,775	Barley, bush	900
Butter, pkgs	54	Potatoes, bus	3,295
Bacon, pkgs	1,224	Hay, bales	520
Bacon, tcs	62		

The following quotations are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. On large lots, prices stated to the contrary, are free of elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The market continues strong under the influence of the short supply and relatively higher markets in the west. Wheat was firm with little offering. We quote choice Kentucky white wheat at $1 60@1 65 per bushel; extra Michigan white $1 58@1 62; amber do at $1 56@1 57; Ohio and Pennsylvania red wheat $1 50@1 47. Corn was strong in the absence of offerings. We quote shelled at 58c for yellow; 78@72c for high mixed; 70@72c for low mixed; ear steady at 70@72c for yellow on track; 70@72c for mixed. Oats were also higher with a sharp demand. We quote at 49@51c for white; 46@48c for mixed. Barley and rye are nominal and unchanged.

FLOUR—The market is a firm market, and most of the dealers quote 25@25c advance for prices on round lots, though prices are nominally unchanged. The following are the prices of the local millers: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 25@7 50; No. 1 amber wheat do $6 50@6 75; red wheat flour $6 25@6 50; spring do $6 00@6 25. The jobbing prices of the leading dealers are as follows: Choice brands of white winter wheat flour $6 75@7 00; fancy do $7 25@7 50; Minnesota do $6 50@6 75; red winter wheat flour $5 25; rye flour $5 75@6 00; Graham flour $5 75@6 00; self-rising flour, in 5 lb bags, $5 25@5 50; in 10 lb bags; cornmeal $5 50; oatmeal $7 25@8 00.

HAY—Market is dull and weak, large stock, prices are depressed. We quote prime timothy, on track, at $20 00@21 00 ₱ ton; No. 2 do at $18 00@19 00; mixed do at $15 00@17 00; hay from store is quoted at $25 00@24 00. Loose hay is selling at $25 00@26 00 for No. 1; $21 00@24 00 for No. 2. Straw is quoted at $16 00@18 00 ₱ ton.

MILL FEED—The market is easier. Bran is steady at $1 20@1 25 ₱ cwt; shorts $1 25@1 35 ₱ cwt; middlings $1 45@1 55 ₱ cwt; chopped feed $1 55@1 60. Cornmeal $1 90@2 00 ₱ cwt.

Country Produce.

APPLES—The market continues dull and depressed. We quote choice at $2 50@2 75 ₱ bbl; prime $2 00@2 50; common to medium dull at $1 25@1 50.

APPLE BUTTER—Is in fair supply and prices are easy. We quote at 50@55c ₱ gallon, in kegs, for prime; 45@48c for common.

BEANS—Receipts are very liberal, and the market is easier, though not quotably changed in prices. We quote prime white navy at $2 00@2 10 ₱ bushel; medium $1 90@2 00; fair to good $1 70@1 85.

BUTTER—Market weak. We quote prime to choice at 24@26c, with the bulk of the sales at 22@24c for prime; 15@18c for common to medium.

BEESWAX—Prime yellow beeswax is quoted at 31@33c ₱ lb, in round lots; sales in a jobbing way are made at 35@36c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—The market continues very quiet, with business confined chiefly to jobbing transactions. Prices are unchanged at 15@15½c ₱ lb for Ohio factory; New York Goshen 17@17½c; Switzer 17@18c ₱ lb. Receipts for two weeks, 500 boxes. The feeling is a little firmer, but pricesare unchanged.

EGGS—The market is easier. We quote at 21@22c ₱ doz for strictly fresh.

HOMINY—The market rules at $4 50 ₱ barrel.

FEATHERS—Are quoted as follows: No. 1, ₱ lb, 55@60c for round lots; 65@70c in a jobbing way; No. 2, ₱ lb, 20@50c, as to quality.

MIXED MEATS—Is quoted at 10c ₱ lb in a jobbing way.

MAPLE SUGAR—Maple sugar is sold at 14c ₱ lb for choice cakes; medium loose 11@12c; maple syrup in gallon jugs sells readily at $1 5c ₱ gallon; in kegs $1 40; in barrels $1 25. The stock of maple sweets is not large, and the market steady.

POTATOES—Receipts are large and there is a downward tendency to prices. We quote from store at $1 15 ₱ bushel for prime peachblows; Peerless $1 05@1 10; other grades 95@$1 00. Sales on track were limited at $1 10 ₱ bushel for peachblows; $1 00@1 05 for Peerless.

PRESERVES AND DRIED FRUITS—We quote dried apples at 7½@8c ₱ lb; dried blackberries are easy at 9@10c ₱ lb; for dried peaches are quoted at 8½@9c ₱ lb for choice halves. Honey is in large supply at 25@27c ₱ lb for clover; buckwheat blossom 22c ₱ lb. Medium pickles are quoted at $9 00 ₱ barrel; $5 00 ₱ half barrel.

SEEDS—Cloverseed is moderately active; quotable at $6 90@7 00 ₱ bushel. Timothy seed quiet at $2 60@2 70 in round lots; $2 75@3 00 in a jobbing way. Flax seed is scarce, and no stock is offering; quoted nominally at $1 50@2 00; orchard grass seed is quoted at $3 00 ₱ bushel; in the grass, $2 50; red-top do $2 00. Onion sets $6 50@7 00 ₱ bushel.

VINEGAR—The market is dull and there are few sales. We quote in a jobbing way at 12@15c ₱ gallon for prime; inferior 10@12c.

Groceries.

There was a steady market, with sugar active and firm, and coffees steady. Prices were generally unchanged, as follows:

Green Coffees.		*Sugars.*	
Fairo Rio	21½c	Standard A	10½c
Choice Rio	22½c	Standard B	10½c
Large Rio	21c	Standard extra C	10c
Good Rio	20c	Franklin extra C	9¾c
Java	33c	American refined	9¾c
Roasted Coffees.		New Orleans	8@9 c
Rio, in papers	22c	Cut loaf	11½c
Rio, in bulk	20½c	Crushed	11½c
Java, in papers	40 c	Powdered	11½c
Java, in bulk	35½c	Granulated	11½c
Teas.		*Molasses.*	₱ gall,
Young Hyson	60@1 00	Strictly prime N. O	70c
Gunpowder	75@1 25	Prime	68c
Imperial	50@1 00	Good	65c
Japan	70@1 00	*Syrups.*	
Oolong	25@ 80	Ex. white drips	75c
Fancy	1 00	Choice drips	65c
Sonchong	25@ 75	Lower grades	55@60c
Rice.		*Starch.*	6½@7c
Choice Carol'a	8½@8½c	Pearl	5 c
Prime	7½@8 c	Silver gloss	9½c
Rangoon	7½@7½c	Pearl	9½c
Spices.		*Raisins.*	
Cloves	55 c	Layers, ₱ box	$3 25
Allspice	17½@18½c	Valentias, ₱ lb	12 c
Cassia	28 @35 c	Currants, ₱ lb	7½c
Nutmegs	$1 35@1 40	Prunes	10@12½c
Pepper	26 @27 c	*Soaps.*	
Candles.		Irish soap ₱ box	$1 50
Star, full weight	18c	Palmetto do	1 75
Sinerine	16½c	Do. N. Y. City ₱ lb	9½c
Soda.		German Mottled	7 c

Bicarb, in 10 ₱ kgs 6c
Bicarb, in ₱ papers 8c

TOBACCO—There is a steady and strong demand. Quotations are as follows:

Spun rolls	60@65c	Rough & Ready	45@50c
Black Navy	55@60c	Fine cut plugs	30@60c
Black Twists	55@60c	Fine cut	50@60c
Louisville Navy	55@60c	Cutand Dry	35@42c
Louisville Cav	68@70c	Scotch Snuff	45@75c
Virginia Navy	55@60c	Black Snuff	50@55c
Virginia Twists	58@64c	Six Twist	43@56c
Virginia Cav	68@70c	Cigarros	60
Double Thick	62@65c	Penn'a Seed	13@20
Flounders	62@65c	Connecticut	25@30
Bright pounds	62@65c	Seed & Havana	20@30
Black Quarters	57@63c	Havana	60@150

FISH—There is a fair demand at steady prices. We quote as follows:

No. 1 extra mess mackerel	$ bbl 25 00	Large do	₱ 100 $5 50
No. 1 mess	22 00	Boneless codfish	₱ lb 7½@8c
Extra No. 1 shore	20 00	White fish, ₱ half bbl	4 00
Extra No. 1 bay	15 00	Trout, do	6 50
No. 1 bay	14 00	Lake herring, ₱ half bbl	4 75
Extra No. 2	14 00	Labrador herring	5 00
No. 2 bay	11 50	Pickerel, do	3 50
New No. 3	9 50	₱ bbl	$7 00@7 50
Georges codfish, medium	6 00	Round do	6 25@7 25
Georges codfish, large	6 00	Bloaters, ₱ box	1 00

CANNED GOODS—There is a moderate but steady jobbing trade. Tomatoes, 3-lb cans, ₱ doz, $1 50@2 00; peaches, 2-lb cans, ₱ doz, $2 25 corn, 2-lb cans, ₱ doz, $2 00; Lima beans, 2-lb cans, $2 25; string beans, 2-lb cans, $1 75; cherries, 2-lb cans, $2 75; pears, 2-lb cans, $2 50; blackberries, 2-lb cans, $1 75@2 00; strawberries, 2-lb cans, $1 25; raspberries, 2-lb cans, $2 00; asparagus, 2-lb cans, $3 75; pineapples, 2-lb cans, $2 40; pears, 2-lb cans, $2 25; pint pickles, ₱ doz, $1 35; quart pickles, ₱ doz, $1 35; ½ gallon pickles, ₱ doz, $3 00.

CARBON OIL—The market is easier. We quote 12½@c from store; sales of round lots on the cars, are made at a reduction on these rates.

General Merchandise.

ALES—Trade continues dull and unsatisfactory, with prices depressed and weak. We quote Scotch at $6 00@7 00 ₱ barrel; India ale $11 00 ₱ barrel; Bass' English ale, in kilderkins of 22 gallons, $6 00@6 50; barrels, 11 gallons, $4 00@4 50; bbls, 68 gallons, $12 00@15 00; in cases, 4 dozen bottles, $20 75. William Younger's India pale ale, in cases of 4 dozen bottles, $2 75@3 00 ₱ dozen; Robert Younger's sparkling ale $2 75@3 00 ₱ dozen; Cunningham's sparkling ale, bottled by A. Bradley & Co, $3 00 ₱ dozen; Cantrell & Coobrane's ginger ale $2 75 ₱ dozen; Caswell, Hazard & Co.'s ginger ale $2 75 ₱ dozen.

ALCOHOL AND HUCKLEBERRIES—We quote alcohol at $2 25@2 35 ₱ gallon. Highwines are easier at $1 15@1 17 ₱ gallon.

ASHES—Soda ashes refined, $4 00@4 25 ₱ cwt. for lots of 1 ton; common, $3 25@3 50; crude kind $5 00; arsenic $6 00; potash $7 50@8 00; pearl ash $8 00@8 50; nitrate of soda $3 50@3 75; manganese $6 00; bone spar $2 50.

BANNER BAKING POWDER—Quoted as follows: 1 ₱ cans $1 50 ₱ dozen; ½ ₱ cans $2 50; ¼ ₱ cans $3 50; 5 ₱ cans $25 00; 10 ₱ boxes 40c ₱ lb. Market steady and demand good.

BROOMS AND BROOM CORN—Broom corn is strong and advancing. Choice hurl is quotable at 12@13c ₱ lb; fair to good do at 10@11c; crooked stalk brush, 11@12½c; inferior brush, 9½@10½c. Brooms are a shade easier. We quote: No. 4, $2 75; No. 3 hurl, $3 00; No. 4, $3 50; No. 5, $4 00; No. 6, $4 25; No. 7 carpet, $4 50; No. 8 carpet, $5 00; No. 4 whisk, $1 25; No. 3 do, $1 50; No. 2 do, $1 75; whisps, fancy, $1 50@2 00; toy brooms, $1 50@2 00.

COKE—Is steady at $2 50@3

CITY MATTERS.

For one dollar per month the DAILY COMMERCIAL will be mailed daily to travelers or to subscribers who are temporarily absent from Pittsburgh. The address of the paper will be changed as often as is desired.

Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., Room 23, First National Bank, PITTSBURGH, PA., April 9, 1875.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r	Hum	Wind. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A.M.	29.932	62	50	S.	Gentle	Cloudy.
2 P.M.	29.886	72	30	W.	Fresh	Fair.
9 P.M.	29.997	58	41	W.	Fresh	Clear.

Mean barometer.....29.938 Highest thermom..73.5
Mean thermometer. 62.5 Lowest thermom.. 51

Pittsburgh Female College.

Spring term commences April 15th. Send to Rev. I. C. Pershing, D.D., for catalogue.

Not the Man.

William Faas, whom we noticed as having been arrested the night previous on a charge of robbing Frank McConnell, was committed to jail by the Mayor to answer. The defendant is not William Faas of Fire Engine Company No. 6, Forty-fourth street.

Waived a Hearing.

H. D. Fox, whom we reported yesterday having been arrested by Officer Johnston on a felonious shooting at a house of ill-fame, brought before Mayor McCarthy for a hearing. The defendant, against whom the charge was preferred, waived a hearing.

Good Reading.

Gildenfenny, from his budget of choice reading, sends in his views of the best of the reading matter, extracts. His facilities are wecklies and many all publications within such that he can get their appearance in the a few hours. His stock of books, notions, Eastern city albums, etc., is always full. His pocket-books most reasonable. prices are

The Great Fire.

This is the thirtieth anniversary of the "great fire" of April 10th 1845, when one third of the city was laid in ashes, extending from Ferry street, on the west, to Pipetown on the east, and from Water street northward as far back as Diamond alley. In addition to the loss of nearly the whole business portion of the city, over two thousand families were rendered homeless, and two-thirds of the wealth of the citizens were swallowed up. The fire broke out between twelve and one o'clock, and upon every recurring anniversary it has been customary for the firemen to toll their bells in commemoration of the event.

Exorbitant Rates.

The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad are still charging as much for freight from Chicago to Pittsburgh as they do from Chicago to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, viz Pittsburgh.

IMPOSITIONS ON LOCAL RATES.

The freight on a car of hay from Orrville, Ohio, to Pittsburgh is $37 60, while the same road will carry a car of flour from Orrville, which is being shipped to Boston, and only charge $9 00 as freight. Bills of this kind are now ordering their Chicago freight *via* the Baltimore and Ohio road.

Fire Department Annual Report.

The fifth annual report of the operations of the Pittsburgh Fire Department, for 1874, has been issued from the press of James McMillin, corner of Third avenue and Wood street. It contains in neat shape detailed statements of expenditures, full and elaborate alarm telegraph operations, together with the losses, total insurance, insurance paid, list of members of the department, fire companies, and much other matter of interest. The typographical execution, done under the supervision of Mr. William T. Gazzam, foreman, one of the most experienced printers of the city, reflects credit upon Mr. McMillin's establishment.

False Alarm of Fire.

Soartly after nine o'clock last evening an alarm of fire—the fourth for the day—was given from box 14, and with the arrival of the fire companies and the Chief Engineers, about two thousand people gathered in the vicinity of Fifth avenue and Wood street. The report was that the fire was in Jackson & McEwen's sprinting house, but diligent search failed to find it. The police failed to keep away the crowd, and their want of understanding of their duty caused the Chief Engineer to call the attention of the Mayor to the fact. Mayor McCarthy referred White to Chief of Police McCandless, saying that the police force must be prompt to aid the firemen and prevent interference with them on all occasions.

Complaint Against the Oakland Railway.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

The new management of the Oakland street railway, while they have provided extended facilities for their patrons, have not learned that courtesy is due from conductors. The company, too, seem to devise ways and means by which they may get, between the down town station and Soho, the extra cent from passengers. Frequently the passengers are without tickets—they say they are only allowed so many a day—the passenger must either pay up the six cents in cash or be ejected from the car. The writer was subjected to this threat a few days ago, and has consequently quit patronizing the road. I know of several that have similarly acted. My payments to the road exceeded $100 in 1873, but it will be $20 this year. READER.

Grand Army Camp Fire.

A "Camp Fire" of the members of the McPherson Post, No. 117, G. A. R., will be held at the hall of the Post, Penn avenue, East End, next Tuesday evening, April 13th. It will be an occasion of unusual interest, alike in the reunion of old comrades, in the revivification of old patriotic memories, in the recounting of old battle incidents, scenes and recollections, and in the fact that the date of the Camp Fire is on the fourteenth anniversary of the hauling down of the national flag by Major Anderson at Fort Sumter. The story of the war can never grow old. The original national impulse which inspired the Union cause at the beginning, and triumphed all its progress, is as dear to the sacrificing patriot in the days momentous struggle now, as in the historic days which succeeded the bombardment of Sumter. Large delegations from other Posts are expected, and a snug warm seat around the Fire is promised to all.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were filed yesterday in the office of County Recorder Richardson:

Hugh Byers to Annie Sheitz, March 16, 1875: two and three-quarter acres land in Moon township.....$650 00
Herman Weiss to Adam Sheitz, February 10, 1875: 54¼ acres and 30 perches in Moon township..... 1,800 00
Alexius Lutz to Barbara Closs, April 6, 1875: lot 18x164 in Sharpsburg..... 1,200 00
Theodore S. Demer to Peter Kuhn, October 20, 1874: lot 60x110 feet on Center avenue, Allegheny township..... 135 00
Lawrence Kavanaugh to Rev. Rex. September 21, 1874: two lots in Gazzam's plan, Forrestville..... 1,100 00
Michael Jaeger to Daniel Beeler, April 5, 1875: lot 20x130 feet on High street, Reserve township..... 2,000 00
Samuel C. Borland to Samuel Collins, February 15, 1875: lot 15x135 feet, Upper St. Clair township..... 12 00
South Side Planing Mill Co. to James McMasters, trustee, etc., January 29, 1875: lot 24 by 100 feet on Zara street, Lot 66, Chartiers..... 1 00
John Gangwisch, guardian, to Francis Gregor McIntosh to Sarah Jane McCaskey, March 31, 1875: two lots 43x150 feet in Eleventh ward, Allegheny..... 2,000 00
Same to John W. Black, March 31, 1875: two lots in same place..... 1,500 00
Edw. Howan to Jas. H. Holmes, April 5, 1875: two acres in Upper St. Clair..... 4,020 00
Thomas S. Blair, trustee to Virginia H. Blair, March, 1875: one-fourth interest in lot in Twenty-third ward, Pittsburgh..... 1 00
Mary Ann McAvoy to Michael McAvoy, December 8, 1874: lot 70x129 feet on Broad street, Nineteenth ward, Pittsburgh..... 465 00
James Wilson to John C. Risher, January 5, 1875: Twenty-four acres in Mifflin township..... 1 00
Mary Ann McAvoy to Geo. F. Bowman, June 1, 1874: lot 15x185 Eleventh ward, Allegheny City..... 700 00
Hugh Lee *et al.* to Robt. Potter, July 1, 1852: three acres and 80 perches, North Fayette township..... 3,728 75
Annie Reed to Annie R. Morrow, November 29, 1874: lot 99x100 on Fifth avenue, Fourth ward, Pittsburgh..... 3,000 00
Jos. Gazzam to Lawrence Kavanaugh, June 24, 1874: lot No. Gazzam's plan, Fourteenth ward..... 800 00

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The "Deluge" performances by the Kiralfys, the Fanst Family and the stock company close with the matinee this afternoon and the regular evening exhibition.

Monday evening Mr. John T. Raymond brings "The Gilded Age" to the Opera House, and will give us a week of his very celebrated representation of *Colonel Sellers*. The Gilded Age" is the joint production of Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner, dramatized by the former. The national fame of the authors and the almost unprecedented success of the actor, are sufficient guarantees that the week will be one of unusual interest, theatrically speaking. Reserved seats for any night of the week may now be had at the box office.

"Gerofle" at the Academy.

The bringing out of a new composition, by a new company, and one coming with high recommendations from the principal cities of the country, ought to be an event of sufficient interest to the people to fill our largest theater; yet the audience at the Academy of Music, last night, to hear Grau & Chizzolo's Parisian opera bouffe company, was not as large as the occasion was comparatively small.

We have not room, this morning, to give the extended notice the performance deserved. The opera is a most pleasing one, full of choice bits of music, superior to anything of its class ever produced on our stage. The company is an exceptionally strong one. Mlle. Geofrey, the prima donna, being a better singer than Aimee, and nearly her equal as an actress. She received a double encore in the second act. Every part was well rendered, and received the acknowledgment from the auditors. The opera will be repeated this afternoon and this evening, for the last times. Every lover of light music should go. They will neither hear nor see anything to shock them.

Seats can be had at Hale's music store, No. 103 Smithfield street.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

Go to the matinee or evening performance to-day, and hear the greatest variety company ever collected in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Wars, Cool Burgess and all the others will appear.

Blind Tom at Masonic Hall.

This gifted colored man gave a concert at Masonic Hall, last evening, before a crowd filling all parts of the house. He has appeared here often before, and a long description of his doings is not necessary. Suffice it to say that he has lost none of his wonderful powers, but plays as well if not better than ever. By the way, his method of spelling is equal to anything developed during the orthographic mania now prevailing.

Concerts will be given at the same hall this afternoon and evening. Seats are on sale at Sheib's, 70 Fifth avenue.

Carncross & Dixey.

Carncross & Dixey's minstrels, the greatest favorites that ever appeared in Pittsburgh, will begin an engagement of one week at Library Hall on Monday evening next. New features have been added since their last visit, and new and talented men engaged. Their songs, dances, burlesques, etc., will be fresh and piquant, and sure to please. The singing of *Mr. J. L. Carncross* is said by the Philadelphia papers to have improved very much of late.

The sale of seats is now going on at Hale's, 103 Smithfield street.

LIST OF PATENTS.

Issued from the United States Patent Office to Citizens of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

The following is a list of patents issued from the United States Patent Office to the citizens of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, for the week ending April 9, 1875, furnished for the COMMERCIAL from the office of J. McL. Perkins & Co., counselors-at-law and solicitors for American and foreign patents, 513 Seventh street, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

Puddling-Furnace—E. Wood, Pittsburgh, assignor of one-half his right to J. H. Pegge, same place. Filed November 13, 1874.

Rolls for Forming the Eyes of Forks, &c.—Wm. Wustenhagen and John Bo'er, Pittsburgh. Filed January 12, 1875.

Air-Compressing Apparatus—J. Bailey, Pittsburgh. Filed Janet Metal—J. L. Machines for Corrugating Pittsburgh. Filed Piper and J. A. Nicho' November 3, 1874. and Heating Furnaces Bottoms for Weldless Product. Filed February 3, 1875. Pers—Samuel Seldon and Stove Pipe Bil, Jr., Erie. Filed January 4, 1875. nators—William P. Dale, Penn Wheel Cue College. Filed August 29, 1874. sylvania Liquids—C. Oehmler, Allegheny. Brass—September 14, 1874. Engines—George T. Ellis, Oswayo, assignor of one-half his right to H. Lord, same place. Filed January 23, 1875. Rotary Engines—George T. Ellis, Oswayo, assignor of one-half his right to H. Lord, same place. Filed January 25, 1875. Mumigation of Greenhouses—Thomas Shaw, Danville. Filed November 17, 1874. Rock Drilling Machines—J. A. Beamisdarfer, Campbell's Run. Filed February 25, 1875. Water Elevators—W. Walter, Derry Station. Filed February 1, 1875. Car Wheels for Tram Roads—Archibald D. Griffin, Hopewell. Filed February 13, 1875. Fire Escapes—Thos. P. Forsyth, New Haven. Filed January 26, 1875. Car Couplings—David Bower, Lebanon. Filed January 16, 1875. Coupling Joints for Oil Well Drills—C. B. Wiser, Butler. Filed September 9, 1874. Handles for Creased Saws—Jas. E. Emerson, Beaver Falls. Filed January 20, 1875. Brick Kilns—David P. Guise, Williamsport. Filed November 30, 1874. Folding Cradles—E. D. Reichard and J. R. Fisher, Reading. Filed February 13, 1875. Millstone Bushes—Solomon Bernheisel, Green Park. Filed September 4, 1874. Chills for Puddling Furnaces—Jos. L. Pennock, Coatesville. Filed March 4, 1875. Butter Workers—A. H. Reid, Brandywine Manor. Filed November 24, 1874. Valve Gears—Frank H. Ball, Foxburg, assignor to Trainard T. Ball, Buffalo, N. Y. Filed April 24, 1874. Machines for Jointing Staves—Marvin J. Seymour, Tarr Farm. Filed February 6, 1875.

OHIO.

Horse Hay Rakes—William S. Archer, Dayton, assignor of three-fourths of his right to Charles B. Clegg, E. Morgan Wood, and Geo. A. Archer, same place. Filed January 28, 1875. Nut Locks—Samuel T. Hughes, Irondale. Filed October 10, 1874. Combined Shovels and Ash Pan Lifters—Andrew Johnson, Youngstown. Filed January 30, 1875. Fluid Thieves or Pumps—Jos. Hitchens, Port Washington, assignor of one-half his right to Thomas B. Bukey, same place. Filed February 23, 1875. Machines for Making Curved Earthenware Pipes—H. Boyle, Cuyahoga Falls. Filed March 24, 1874. Mitre Boxes—H. Dittenhafer, Bloomville. Filed September 19, 1874. Knitting Machines—Edward P. Curtiss, Norwalk, assignor of one-half his right to Theodore C. Foote, Cleveland. Filed February 13, 1875.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Sewing Machines—Harry R. Welland, Martinsburg. Filed February 16, 1875. Apparatus for the Manufacture of Lamp Black—John Hartzell, New Cumberland, assignor of one-half his right to Samuel T. Lamb, Cambridge, Mass. Filed February 16, 1875. Steam Brakes—J. M. Prendergast, Huntington. Filed March 6, 1875.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Session of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment—Railroad Arrangements.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at Williamsport, on Tuesday, May the 18th, at 9 o'clock A. M. The Grand Encampment will meet at the hall of Lycoming Lodge, No. 112, at Williamsport, on Monday, May the 17th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Past Grands and Past Chief Patriarchs are informed that arrangements have been made with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia and Erie Railway, Northern Central Railway, Cumberland Valley Railroad, Allegheny Valley Railroad, under which they will issue excursion tickets to those who present an order issued from the office of the Grand Secretary at the principal stations on the above roads. The fare will be about one-third less than the usual rate.

Those who propose to attend the annual session and will travel over the above mentioned roads, and desire to avail themselves of the reduction in the fare, must apply to the Grand Secretary before the 8th of May for an order, and must state at the same time the name of the station from which they will start, and the name of the road over which they will travel. Orders will be issued for the wives of members, if applied for. The names of all applicants for orders must be given.

Parties can go from Pittsburgh to Williamsport via Lewisburg or Harrisburg, and in selecting the Harrisburg route, two orders will be necessary to see the party through, viz.: Pennsylvania and Northern Central. The lowest rate will be via Lockhaven, that being the shortest route, and the one by which the mileage will be computed.

Excursion tickets can be procured at the principal ticket offices on the Allegheny Valley Railroad under the above regulations, to Corry, Irvington or Bradford.

Tickets can be procured from the 13th to the 18th of May, and the return coupons will be good until the 20th.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Williamsport and return to members and families at a reduction of one-third the usual rates.

The Catawissa Railroad will sell excursion tickets to members and families at reduced rates, as will the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Hotel accommodations can be secured at rates ranging from $3 down to $1 50 per day.

BITTEN BY A DOG.

A Little Child Severely Injured.

A little girl, daughter of a Mr. Grant, a resident of the Fourteenth ward, while proceeding along Sandusky street on her way to school, yesterday afternoon, was attacked and severely bitten by a dog. The animal caught one of her thighs and pulled it literally out quite a large piece of flesh. The unfortunate little one was taken to her home and a surgeon called to attend her. The dog, which, it is said, is a man named Muller, was shot. The dog is said to have been a ferocious one, and a prosecution will likely be entered against his owner.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

Ault & Cornforth, McKean county, bankrupts. Report of assignee of the sale of real estate was confirmed absolutely.

S. W. Paine, bankrupt, Bradford county. Bankrupt's petition for an allowance for services rendered the assignee, presented and referred to Register Overton.

Long & Bowden, Butler county, bankrupts. Petition for final discharge presented and the usual order made.

James Bown, Allegheny county, bankrupt. Order made confirming the resolution of composition of debtor with his creditors.

H. D. Reno, Westmoreland county, bankrupt. Report of Register on the claim of C. Barthold referred back for further proof.

J. B. Anderson, Beaver county, bankrupt. Assignee allowed to commence an action against the New England Life Insurance Company.

Geo. W. Holdship & Co., Allegheny county, bankrupt. Register's report of proceedings under proposition for compromise presented, and order made requiring creditors to appear and show cause, on the 17th, why said compromise resolution should not be confirmed.

Wm. Carmichael, Mercer county, bankrupt. Assignee's report of sale of personal property presented and ordered to be filed for confirmation in ten days.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Stowe and Collier.

Edward Spring vs. Wm. Selden. Action to recover for personal injuries caused by an obstruction upon the pavement. Verdict for plaintiff, $75.

Nancy Johnson vs. Oliver Ferson, executor of J. W. Johnson, deceased. Verdict for plaintiff, $17,573 57.

Thomas Vick and wife vs. Dr. Addison Arthurs. Action to recover damages for alleged malicious prosecution, Mrs. Vick having been charged with obtaining fifty dollars by false pretenses. On trial.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judge White.

The case of Campbell vs. the Castle Shannon Railroad Company was concluded, and the jury is out.

Herman, Hoge and August Overbeck, Wm. Wessel, John Killian, Wm. Barselman and Heinrich Kattleman. This is an action to recover damages for the unlawful publication in a German paper, accusing the plaintiff of absconding with the proceeds of ball tickets sold, which, it is declared, is utterly false. The case is on trial.

Orphans' Court—Judge Hawkins.

SALE OF THE MCCLERG ESTATE AT ASPINWALL.

During the month of February last, Mrs. Lizzie J. Lafferty and Mrs. Matilda Varner, devisees of the estate of the late Thos. McClurg, made application in the Orphans' Court for a decree of sale of a certain portion of the property which had been willed to them by the decedent. The entire estate was worth about a quarter of a million of dollars, and the portion of these petitioners was two-thirds of the estate. The property, for which a decree of sale was asked, is a tract of about ninety acres in the former borough of Birmingham, South Side. The allegations of the petitioners was that the taxes on their property were in excess of the income than they were likely to become great on account of increased taxation, and the expense of opening streets, &c. The petition was granted and a degree of sale made. When the return of the sale was made, it appeared that the price was nominal, the property having been sold for about six thousand dollars, and that the object of the sale was merely to vest the devisees with a title freed from the restrictions imposed by the will of the decedent. Judge Hawkins in a lengthy opinion, refused to confirm the sale, and held that the devisees cannot be released from the restrictions of the will. He also decides that the purchase money must be an equivalent of the land, and in this case, such was clearly not the case.

THE AUDIT LIST.

The audit list in this court, numbering thirty-nine cases, will be taken up on Monday, and will be proceeded with in regular order. The examinations will be conducted orally. Parties interested are requested to attend and respond promptly when their cases are called.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Ewing.

Charles Bell, indicted for aggravated assault and battery on oath of Jane Weir, was convicted.

Thomas E. Burtt was convicted of fornication and bastardy. The prosecutrix was Ellen Bennett.

Frances Morton, indicted for illegal liquor selling, on oath of Simon Rabb, was convicted.

William Pollock pleaded *nolo contendere* to an indictment for selling liquor on Sunday, on oath of Wm. Williams.

The jury is out in the case of Adam Gepp, charged in two indictments with selling liquor on Sunday and without license.

The jury is out in the case of Peter Lavelle, indicted for larceny.

GRAND TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

A Call for a Convention to Organize a National Christian Temperance Alliance.

Arrangements for a grand national convention of the ministers and lay members of all the churches to organize a "National Christian Temperance Alliance," have finally been completed.

By invitation of the Central Committee of the "Allegheny County" to hold our Convention in the city of Pittsburgh on the 12th day of May, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M., the original plan proposed was to meet by delegates, and in proportion to the number of delegates enrolled in each branch of the church, agreeing to co-operate; but the difficulty of arranging so as to secure a general and proportionate representation has led to the adoption of a different and better plan. The committee having this matter in charge, would therefore now, in accordance with this plan, extend a cordial invitation to the Christians of all denominations to meet in council at the time and place above named. Let churches and Christian communities hold meetings and arrange for sending up a goodly number of earnest temperance workers to represent them in this convention. What cannot the churches, united as they might and should be, accomplish in behalf of this great cause? In organizing our National Alliance, every branch of the Church agreeing to co-operate, may count with certainty upon a fair and equitable recognition. It is intended absolutely to ignore all denominational distinction, and to aim at such an organization as will secure for this cause the united influence of the whole Church.

Those who have received appointments as delegates from any organized temperance work in accordance with our original plan, will please regard themselves as under special obligation to attend. All, everywhere, friendly to the movement are invited to use their best efforts to secure a good attendance, and in every way possible to make the convention a grand success.

The churches of Great Britain have set us a noble example. In November eight hundred ministers met in council in behalf of this cause. Why cannot a similar council be convened in this country? Shall distillers, brewers and dealers in intoxicating drinks hold conventions and perform combinations to forward their nefarious work, while the Church, the true and most responsible guardian of public morals, looks on with cold indifference, or wastes her energies for want of unity and organization.

Followers of Christ, be mindful of His, who desire to do His will, ye friends of truth and guardians of right, hearken to this call. From the North, the South, the East and the West come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Rev. R. W. FRENCH,
Peoli ne, Illinois, Chairman.
Rev. H. H. THOMPSON,
Rev. JAS. BROWN, D.D.,
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Rev. J. A. COLLINS,
Rev. H. HARVEY,
Rev. J. S. EASTON, D.D.

STREET CLEANING.

A Novel Proposition for Getting Rid of the Dirt.

The New York *Evening Post*, of a recent date, contains a communication relative to cleaning the streets by means of steam fire engines and hose. The writer, who is of Pittsburgh, like New York, and all other cities, is deeply interested in the subject of clean streets; and whatever plan may be hit upon for securing that desirable end, will be readily adopted, no matter what it may be, since the health and comfort so largely depend upon cleanliness. The new method, as explained in the communication to which reference has been made; and, while the plan suggested is worthy of consideration, it is by no means certain that it is altogether practicable:

Water is carried in the steel engines for the purpose of getting rid of dirt, if properly applied. If our streets could be thoroughly washed down every night let us see what a difference they would be as clean as our sidewalks. Of course we should have more engines than we have at present, and we should want more water. As to the latter point, the water of the rivers could doubtless be utilized to a great extent. It would be better for this purpose than fresh water, as, according to some people, its cold weather, and neutralizing the effects of decomposition in summer. As to the engines, there would necessarily be a large number, each machine would have a district which it could easily go over in one or two nights and yet never be so far from its headquarters but that, in case of an alarm, it could start at once for the help of the nearest pump up. The sewers would be so constantly flushed that the pavements would be clean, which are a result of their present sluggishness would be done away with, and the chief cause of febrific diseases thus checked. In summer and winter weather the plan would not work, but such weather rarely holds for more than a week at a time. An apparatus might also be attached to each machine by which jets of steam could be thrown upon or into the snow so as to melt it.

THE TEA PARTY.

Immense Throng Last Evening.

The attendance at Library Hall last evening was still larger than at either of the previous parties. At nine o'clock there was hardly moving space near the tables, while the parquette circle, the balcony and the promenades were momentarily filled. The opportunities for enjoying the supper were, for want of room, limited, but yet the garden grown tea furnished by Mr. H. J. Weiss was, as the well known merchant of 20 Fifth avenue, was highly commended.

There were many new and very handsome dresses displayed by the ladies last evening, the majority of the costumes were more than the usual number of notables. No less than eight prominent ex-Congressmen were upon the floor.

The young folks had great expectations for an opportunity to "Tramp the light fantastic toe," but the great crowd that continued until a very late hour prevented this.

The matinee will be held this afternoon, after which, if possible, a dance will be had. This will close the series of parties.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

A WATER main at the junction of Penn avenue and Ninth street burst last evening.

The Abraham Lincoln Lodge I. O. O. F., was instituted yesterday by D. D. G. M., August Ammur.

The Central Board of Education will meet on Tuesday next. The matter of the Wilkins schools will be considered.

SUPERINTENDENT Fellwood and repairman Jerry Murphy are engaged in repairing the Fire Alarm Telegraph line.

The gatekeeper at the Union Depot, from inattention, yesterday allowed the cars to obstruct a locomotive. It didn't stand long.

JAMES HARE, of Wilkinsburg, has brought an action in ejectment against Jacob Bell, to recover possession of a lot in the Thirty-seventh ward.

Thomas Ward, one fatal accident in the fire department in 1874. Mr. George McMullin was killed March 24th by being thrown from hook and ladder "C."

FIRE alarm box No. 24, Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, was struck the largest number of times during 1874. Eleven alarms were given therefrom.

DR. JAMES PARSLEY lectured at the Eleventh U. P. Church on Sunday evening, on "Old Age." There was a good attendance and the lecture was much enjoyed.

From twenty-eight of the fire alarm boxes of the city no alarms were given in 1874. From thirty-six of the remainder but one alarm was received during the year.

During the month of March our mill owners received by rail 2,000 tons of pig iron, and 2,100 tons of black barrand by river 1,979 tons of scrap in all 6,270 tons.

The corner stone will be held at the Sandusky street Baptist church, on next Monday evening. Thirty persons will spell upon each side, and Prof. R. H. Cochran will read the communication to which reference has been made; and, while the plan suggested is worthy of consideration, it is by no means certain that it is altogether practicable:

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